

VISION AND MISSION

Vision:

All children in Tennessee have the opportunity to achieve their fullest potential and are safe, healthy, nurtured and educated.

Mission:

The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth advocates to improve the quality of life for children and families and provides leadership and support for child advocates.

We Believe:

1. Children are Tennessee's most precious resource, and they deserve a safe, healthy quality of life provided in the least restrictive, most appropriate living situation possible.
2. Families and Communities have the responsibility to sustain, nurture and protect their children.
3. Government is an important partner in improving the lives of children and families in Tennessee.
4. Tennessee has a responsibility to promote positive change for children and their families, especially children in need of state services.
5. Every child deserves equitable treatment under the law.
6. Services for Tennessee children should be provided through a system of care that strives for continuous improvement.
7. The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth provides objective evaluations and accurate information so Tennesseans can make good decisions for children.

REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee for the 2005 Tennessee Children's Advocacy Days. **However, in order to be eligible for the luncheon and handouts, TCCY must receive the following completed registration form by March 11, 2005.**

Name _____

Agency _____

Work Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Please check your attendance plans:

☐ I plan to attend on Wednesday, March 23, 2005.

☐ I plan to attend on Thursday, March 24, 2005.

☐ I plan to attend the combined Legislative Reception and TCCY 50th Anniversary Gala

RETURN OR FAX REGISTRATION TO:

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAYS 2005

TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Andrew Johnson Tower, 9th Floor

710 James Robertson Parkway

Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0800

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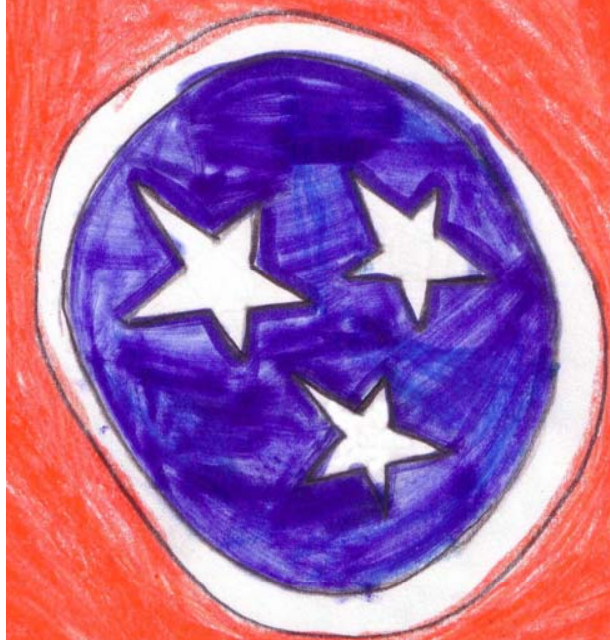
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THE 17TH ANNUAL Children's Advocacy Days

TREATING CHILDREN FAIRLY ACROSS SYSTEMS



March 23 and 24, 2005

War Memorial Auditorium

Nashville, Tennessee

Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth

17th Annual Children's Advocacy Days

AGENDA DAY ONE

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Visit with Legislators
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Open Lunch

LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THIS TIME. BRING YOUR LEGISLATORS TO MEET ADDITIONAL CONSTITUENTS.

1:30 p.m. Welcome- **Cindy Durham**, TCCY Chair
Jim Pryor Child Advocacy Award
Making KIDS COUNT Media Awards
Youth Excellence Award
2:15 p.m. "You Don't Know Me, Until You Know Me"

Dr. Michael Fowlin



Mykee has been an actor since the age of 11. He has a BA in Psychology from Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Rutgers. He presents a fascinating one man show with characters that help the audience slowly recognize their own stereotypes and prejudices. His work has included peer mediation, diversity workshops, violence prevention, and gender sensitivity training, and he manages to incorporate a little of all in his presentation.

4:15 p.m. Wrap Up and Closing Remarks
4:30 p.m. Adjourn
5:30 p.m. Combined Legislative Reception and TCCY 50th Anniversary Gala at the **Nashville Downtown Sheraton**
623 Union Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

AGENDA DAY TWO

Thursday, March 24, 2005

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Networking
8:30 a.m. Welcome - **Cindy Durham**, TCCY Chair

Treating Children Fairly Across Systems

8:40 a.m. Addressing Disparities in Children's Health
Dr. Elizabeth Williams, Director of Disparity Elimination
Tennessee Department of Health
9:20 a.m. Addressing Disparities in Education
Dr. Gary Nixon, Executive Director
Tennessee State Board of Education
10:00 a.m. BREAK
10:20 a.m. Addressing Disparities in Children's Mental Health
Dr. Freida Outlaw, Executive Director of Special Populations
Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
11:00 a.m. Addressing Disparities in Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice
Commissioner Viola Miller (Invited)
Tennessee Department of Children's Services

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MODERATED QUESTIONS WILL OCCUR AT THE END OF INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS

11:40 a.m. Closing Remarks
12:00 p.m. Adjourn

AWARDS

The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth is soliciting nominations for the Jim Pryor Child Advocacy Award and the Youth Excellence Award, both to be awarded at the 17th Annual Children's Advocacy Days. For more information and nomination forms, please visit the Commission's website at:

www.tennessee.gov/tccy/awards.html

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Tennessee Children's Advocacy Days 2005 will provide a forum for those working with, and on behalf of, children and families across the state to gain new information that will facilitate their efforts to improve the health and well being of children and families in their communities. The conference, through key speakers and networking, is intended to:

- ◆ Promote greater knowledge and understanding of current issues confronting children and their families in Tennessee.
- ◆ Provide an opportunity for participants to become more effective advocates for children both in the public policy arena and in their communities.
- ◆ Provide an opportunity for participants to interact with Tennessee legislators on critical children's issues.
- ◆ Provide an opportunity to hear perspectives on children's issues and financing children's services.

DIRECTIONS

The War Memorial Building is located at 7th Avenue North and Charlotte Avenue adjacent to the Capitol and Legislative Plaza in downtown Nashville. For additional directions contact TCCY at 741-2633 or 1-800-264-0904. Additional directions will also be posted on the Commission's website at www.tennessee.gov/tccy.

PARKING

Pay parking is available at the Sheraton Hotel, the Nashville Public Library and a number of Central Parking Service surface lots on 6th, 7th and 8th Avenues North, and on Church Street. For additional downtown parking information please link to <http://www.tpac.org/playourvisit/directions.html> and look under "other downtown parking."

Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth's 50th Anniversary

In 1955 the 79th General Assembly passed Public Acts Chapter 149 that created a permanent Commission called the Tennessee Commission on Youth Guidance for the State of Tennessee. Over time, the Commission has been through a series of name changes and variations in the number of commission members, but it has always focused on children's needs and advocacy for improving the quality of life for Tennessee children and families.

